

Forest Department for barbed-wire fencing as a preserved plot.

For the nomenclature of this taxon, we have followed Furtado (1970), who made new combination and adopted *H. dichotoma* as a correct name with *Borassus dichotoma* Wt. as the basionym

for the present taxon.

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38. ANOTHER LOCALITY RECORD FOR *CYATHEA SPINULOSA* IN KUMAON HIMALAYA

Taxonomic reports of various explorers, to date, indicate that there is only one plant of *Cyathea spinulosa* at Pamtori near Thal (Pithoragarh). Our exploration tour of Didihat (Pithoragarh) revealed that there are two instead of the one reported plant of the species at Pamtori near Thal. The two plants are located just 20 m from each other.

In addition we discovered another locality near Mirthy, 1300 m (Pithoragarh). This locality, situated along a ravine in a dense forest area contains approximately 30 plants of *Cyathea spinulosa*.

This rare fern faces the danger of extinction as the leaves are used for thatching house roofs by locals.

We wish to inform the concerned authorities that they should take necessary action to demarcate and protect the area containing this fern, in order to prevent extinction of the species.

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